Test firing of missiles at Chandipur, Balasore

716. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the frequent pos'ponement of the test firing of the •'AGNI" type missile at the interim test range at Chandipur in Balasore district of Orissa is causing misery to the natives of 15 villages near the range during the last two years;

I'M if so. what are the reasons for the nemen: and what steps have heen taken to compensate the affected villagers; and

(c) what are the reason$_s$ for not setting up a modern hospital in Balasore as contemplated earlier in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHD: (a) and (b) Defen.e Research & Development Organisation is developing and carrying out flight trials of number of missiles. These (rials are continuous in nature and it is not in .national interest to give details of such launchings before they are carried out

For certain launchings from Chandipur Range it is necessary to have a safety zone around the launcher requiring temporary shifting of the person/?from their houses for few hours. However, no such launching has been scheduled so far. Statutory notifications required for under-talcing such firings are issued and sufficient prior notice is given as per rules.

People required to shift temporarily will be adequately compensated for he inconvenience caused and loss of livelihood. They will also be paifor transportation and food. Temporary tentage accommodation and entertainment etc. will be provided to them. State Govt. is also being paid for providing the necessary health care support to them. In addition to these, other general facilities like construction of 25 tubewells and public convenience, fire brigade support, and locks for sealing of houses will also be provided to the affected people.

(c) A 50-bedded modern hospital is in the advance stages of construction in District Balasore.

Population Growth Targets

717. SHRl RAM AWADHESH inister of HEALTH AN TARE be pleased to si

(a) whether as per Government pro- the ***I*** *imi* !nd February, 1989, the population I & rgets of 1.9 per cent is not likely to be achieved and if so the reasons of this shortfall;

(b) whether i: i$_s$ a fact that there has n failure in R and D work on family planning specially Vaccine promisee! first A1TMS and later by NIT Scientists; and

(c if so. what steps Govt, propose to lake in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY "C HEALTH AND FAMI LY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDI ' Plan te of tion and Death Rate pulation by the end J of the plan i., 1990 implying a Natural Growth Rate of 1.87 per cent. Against this, as per 'n System estimates of Registrar Genera!, India the Natural Growth Rate of population for India is 2.11 per cent. 2.15 per cent and *2.11* pe$_r$ cent (provisional) for the years 1985. 19S6 and 1987 respectively. The Natural Growth Rate hvs generally remained high due to steeper decline in Death Rate relative to that in Birth Rate. However, the factors responsible for slow decline in Birth Rate are: high mean age J of family planning acceptors; low age at marriage; social attitudes, religon liefs, illiteracy etc.

(b) and (c) Besides the available method* a newly established implant, which | is deposited beneath the skin, and which